

Congregational Church of Westminster West, Vermont

6/15/2025

Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Gathering

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

**One: Let us shape a space
for The Three:**

**Right: the Spirit
as breath of life**

**Left: the Bread
as food of heaven**

**Both: the Love
in relationship**

**Left: Let us shape a space
that tangles all three
through our life and our worship
held in relationship
and met here**

**Right: Let us shape a space
for the many faces of God
woven together
and revealed in each of us**

All: On this Trinity Sunday
Let us shape a space
to be found together
in worship

~ written by Roddy Hamilton,.

Opening Hymn: #273 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, up-sets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,

one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Time of Confession and Prophetic Action

Call to Confession

One: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

Prayer of Confession:

Before God and God's people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision. We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Renew us, O God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria #758 (Spanish/English)

Manna Offering

Invitation to Offering

Leader: We are called to witness to the abundance in our life by sharing, so that all may have enough.

People: Just as God provided manna for God's children daily so will our daily needs be met.

L: We offer our gifts from God's abundance to our neighbors who live in scarcity, because it is God's desire that no one go hungry.

P: We give, giving thanks for the blessings we are now able to share.

Call to Share

Words of Sharing(unison) from Isaiah 58: 1-2

If we feed the hungry from God's plenty and satisfy the needs of the wretched, then our light shall rise like dawn out of darkness and our dusk be like noonday. We shall be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Hymn for Sharing *"Bread in the Wilderness"*

(Bring your offering for Our Place forward during the singing of the hymn, put it in the basket on the table, and return to your seat. Or make your donation on line by pressing the "Donate" button and signifying 'Mana.')

Time of Prayer

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Prayers of the people

Lord's Prayer:

Our [Father/Mother/Creator] who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: #467 Mothering God

Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of new life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

Time of Reflection

Proverbs 8:1-4

John 16: 12-15

Romans 5: 1-5

Reflection: *Standing with Wisdom at the Gates*

Time of Offering

Offertory:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Dedication

Time of Commissioning

Closing Hymn: #355 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,

wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,

breath of life and voice of prophets,

sign of blessing, power of love:

give to those who lead your people

fresh anointing of your grace;

send them forth as bold apostles

to your Church in every place.

Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd,

Word-made-flesh, Love crucified,

teacher, healer, suffering Servant,

friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors
learn and live a Shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, Life-bestower,
Truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness,
so may those the Church exalts
oversee her life steadfastly
yet not overlook her faults.

Triune God, mysterious Being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your Name.

Benediction

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,

the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace.

*~ by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert,
Saskatchewan, Canada.*

Postlude: